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SUBJECT: NORTH YEMENI POLITICAL CURRENTS

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1. SEVERAL BEIRUT WEEKLIES HAVE LATELY SPECULATED ON
RELATION BETWEEN YEMENI PRES. IRYANI'S VISIT TO SYRIA
AND DIVERSE YAR POWER STRUGGLES. LEFTIST AL BALAGH
AUG 13) REPORTED IRYANI LEFT YAR AFTER CLASH WITH
PRIMIN HAJARI AND SPEAKER AHMARGI BOTH ACCUSED BY
IRYANI OF PRECIPITATING DETERIORATING INTERNAL SITUATION
BY BRINGING YAR TOO CLOSE TO SAUDI ARABIA. IN RETURN,
AHMAR REPORTEDLY CHARGED IRYANI NEGLIGENT IN NOT
REPRESSING VIOLENCE AND WITH BEING SOFT ON SOUTH
YEMEN (PDRY). BALAGH SAID IRYANI THEN ACCUSED
AHMAR OF PROFITTING FROM OFFICE, AT WHICH AHMAR
THREATENED TO ANNOUNCE IRYANI'S MANDATE TO RULE
HAD "EXPIRED" AT NEXT CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING. IRYANI ALLEGEDLY DECIDED SHOWDOWN BEST
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AVERTED BY HIS LEAVING YAR.

2. INDEPENDENT UBSU AL ARABI (AUG 13) AND PRO-CHINESE AD DUSTOUR (AUG 13) CLAIMED FORMER PRES SALLAL HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO YAR AFTER SIX YEARS OF SELF-EXILE. UBSU OBSERVED SALLAL'S RETURN IS VIEWED WITH ALARM BY SAUDIS, AND MAY ALSO PRESAGE RETURN OF FORMER IMAM AL BADR. UBSU ALSO REVIEWEDHIRYANI'S DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING ACCEPTABLE YET MALEABLE REPLACEMENT FOR ASSASSIN²ATED REPUBLICAN COUNCIL MEMBER OSMAN. SAID DEPUTY VRI MIN AND FON MIN NOMAN NOW ON EXTENDED BEIRUT VACATION AS COMPROMISE RESPONSE TO PRI MIN HAJARI'S THREAT TO RESIGN SHOULD NOMAN REMAIN IN OFFICE. DESCRIBED YARG INSTABILITY AS ACCENTUATED BY RECENT SAN'A SPECULATION RE REPLACEMENT OF HAJARI BY LT. GEN. HASSAN AL AMRI, WHO STRONGLY OPPOSES YAR-PDRY MERGER.

3. BEIRUT PAPERS HAVE MADE NO RECENT ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING USG INVOLVEMENT IN YAR DIFFICULTIES. BUFFUM

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